

58. The method of claim 56 further comprising:
providing an in-range indication to the customer when a vehicle-mounted transponder is within the vehicle fueling range or a hand-held transponder is within the close range. -.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 17, 24, 25, 27-32, 50, 51, 53-54, and new claims 55-58 are pending.

This preliminary amendment is submitted in connection with the present continuing application of parent application serial number 08/768,723 under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d). The claims pending herein do not rely on any new subject matter added to the present specification, and are entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the original application.

In the Office Action mailed October 2, 1998 in the previous application serial number 08/768,723, the Examiner indicated allowance of claims 26, 52, and 55. These allowed claims correspond to pending claims 25, 50 and 55. Allowance thereof in this application, along with the claims dependent thereon (i.e., 27-32, and 51, 53), is respectfully requested.

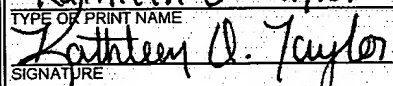
Claims 1-12, 17, 24, and 56-58 define patentable subject matter over the references of record and are also considered in condition for allowance. Consideration and allowance thereof is also respectfully requested.

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